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Amendments to th Specification

1) Please replace paragraph 0048 on page 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a preferred apparatus for estimating moisture absorption by material generally denoted by the numeral 10. Moisture absorption estimating apparatus 10 includes a container 12, a gas inlet and outlet 14, 16, an atmospheric sensor 18, a circulating mechanism 20, a humidifying device 22, a viewing window 24, and a test specimen 26. Container 12 functions to form a space, and may be any sized size and shape suitable for testing, including but not limed to rectangular, cubical, spherical, and cylindrical.